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Payment of a larger share of the land revenue to panchayat boards.

* 442 *Q.*—Sri T. ANANTA PAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have decided to give the panchayat boards a larger share in land revenue; and

(*b*) if so, how much, and from when?

The Hon. Sri K. RAJARAM :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Sri T. ANANTA PAI :—" Sir, the panchayat boards have been entrustd with considerable responsibilities and they are suffering for want of funds. Will the Government decide the question early and see that adequate finances are provided for these panchayat boards? "

The Hon. Sri K. RAJARAM :—" The Government will decide it very soon, Sir."

Enhanement of maximum fares fixed for stage carriages.

* 443 *Q.*—Sri M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether any permission has been granted to any private bus owners to collect more than seven pies per mile, and if so, the reasons therefor?

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The maximum fares for stage carriages fixed under the Motor Vehicles Act have been enhanced in respect of all state carriages, in view of the Judgment of the High Court in Writ Petitions Nos. 42, 43, etc., of 1953."

Conference of village karnams of Tanjore district.

* 444 *Q.*—Sri A. K. SUBBIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a copy of the resolutions passed at the Conference of village karnams of Tanjore district held at Mannargudi in September 1953; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The remarks of the Collector have been called for."

Ropening of the Mtal Industries, Limited, at Shoranur.

* 445 *Q.*—Sri V. SANKARANARAYANA MENON : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any deputation waited on him recently regarding the restarting of the work in the Metal Industries, Limited, Shoranur;